

Museum Musings Article- Krum News
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Historical Markers
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Have you seen those gray markers around the Krum area and wondered what they were? From 2004 to 2006 the Krum Society of Historic Preservation issued eleven markers to houses, buildings, and locations that are of historical significance to the Krum area. The Society hopes to issue more of these markers in the future.

No 1– 2004-The Cole House

This house was built in 1905 by Dr. Wallace Kimbrough and was purchased in 1909 by R.L. Cole. Mr. Cole was the owner and operator of the Cole Grain Co. Cole descendants have lived in the house to this day and the house is currently occupied by John and Janice Cole Callarman.

Address: 301 W. McCart St, Krum

No 2—2004– The Knox House

This house was completed in 1918 after the Knox family moved to Krum in 1909 from Pilot Grove. It was built as a 2 ½ story but the second story was removed along with 5 or 6 fireplaces in 1943. Dr. Knox was the founder of F & M State Bank and was one of several who visited Austin to influence the building of FM 156. Knox descendants have continued to live in this home and currently Rodney and Bonnie Barthold reside here.

Address: 403 W. McCart St., Krum

No 3– 2004-Jackson Cemetery

In 1876, the people of the Jackson community set aside land for this cemetery, a Methodist church and a school. The land was donated by C.H. Jackson and Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Barrett. In 1886, the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad created a town on higher ground north of the Jackson community and named it Krum. The church and school were moved to the new town. The Jackson Cemetery Association was created in 1895 to oversee the cemetery.

Address: Jackson Rd & FM 156, Krum

No 4– 2004-Hattie Dyer House

On this site stood the house purchased by Hattie & Nelson Dyer in 1939. Mrs. Dyer started teaching first and second grade in Krum in 1940 and continued for 33 years. Mrs. Dyer was a quiet benefactor and a lover of animals; she lived in this house until her death in 1987. This house was torn down after 2004, but the marker remains across the street from Vogue Cleaners.

Address: FM 156 & Britton St., Krum

No 5–2005-Fleming-Boenker House

This house was built in 1919 for G.M. Fleming, partner in a local gin. The property was sold to J.T. Boyd who sold it in 1945 to the Longpines. Mr. Longpine was the Santa Fe depot agent. In 1946, E.L. and Bessie Sullivan purchased the property. Mr. Sullivan had a used furniture store in Krum. Oscar and Lawanda Boenker bought the house in 1967 and did extensive remodeling.

Address: 333 Huffman St., Krum

No 6- 2005- The Rucker House

E.M. Rucker came to Texas from Missouri in 1888. He married Molly Batis and they moved to Krum, settling in this house in 1898. Mr. Rucker was a founding partner of the Continental Bank and Trust. After the Rucker's death the house was bought by Jack and Edna Wilkins who later sold it to the Schloeman's.

Address: Corner of FM 156 & N. 7th St, Krum

No 7– 2005- F& M State Bank

Farmers and Merchants State Bank, located in this building until 2004, was established by a merger of Continental Bank and Trust and First State Bank in 1910. The bank helped to acquire improved cotton and wheat seed for the area, encouraged the building of FM 156 and consistently aided local civic and commercial ventures. The Krum Heritage Museum and City of Krum offices are now housed in this building.

Address: 150 W. McCart St, Krum

No 7 (8) –2005- R.L. Cole Grain Elevator

Krum was once known as the inland port shipping the most wheat in the United States. Grain dealer Ralph L. Cole built this concrete landmark in 1927 replacing a smaller wood and galvanized steel elevator. After his death in 1947, his son Weldon operated the business. When the adjacent mill burned in 1957, Ralph Cole Jr. ran it until selling to Harpool Seed Co. Preston Like bought it in 1993 and began converting it into a residence and the current occupant has continued the conversion.

Address: FM 1173 & RR tracks, Krum

No 9- 2005- First Fire Station

This site marks the location of the first Krum Fire Department. In 1947 citizens passed the hat to purchase a fire truck, John Morris donated the lot for the fire hall, and Allen Butane donated a tank for the chassis. Carlton “Cotton” Cole was the first fire chief. When a fire call came, a loud buzzer was sounded and every able bodied man was encouraged to jump on the truck or follow in their cars to help fight the fire. The building was later used to house Krum Public Library, a beauty shop, the Krum Police Department and today is occupied by Wallace Bowman Attorney at Law.

Address: 117 W. McCart St., Krum

No 10-2006-John Morris Chevrolet

John Morris, brother of Hattie Morris Dyer, was selling used cars when in 1929 he obtained a Chevrolet dealership. In 1947, Mr. Morris purchased adjacent lots at Britton and 1st Street to erect his building, using bricks from the closed Presbyterian Church for the inner walls. The first truck Mr. Morris sold was to Herbert Barthold. At one time, the Morris dealership was the longest continuously owned agency in Texas. This building currently houses Vogue Cleaners.

Address: 110 S. First St., Krum

No 11-2006-Lamm Grocery

Harve F. Lamm came to Krum in 1903 as a partner to J.O. McClister. That business burned & Mr. Lamm moved the grocery portion of the business to a new building at the corner of McCart & First St. His new partner was C.C. Gibbins who sold out to Mr. Lamm in 1916. Mr. Lamm’s sons, Ed and Homer, joined in the operation of the business and continued after their father’s death. Lamm Grocery carried many families on credit during the depression and drought years, which were hard times for this farm community. Currently Andy’s Diner occupies this building.

Address: 145 W. McCart St., Krum

If you would like to learn more about these historical markers we have additional information at Krum Heritage Museum as well as a brochure with a map showing the location of the markers.

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KRUM SOCIETY OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION THE COLE HOUSE

THE HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1905 BY DR. WALLACE KIMBROUGH. THE PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED IN 1909 BY R.L. COLE AND HIS FAMILY HAS LIVED HERE TO THIS DATE. MR. COLE CAME TO KRUM IN THE 1880'S AS A YOUNG BOY. HE WAS OWNER AND OPERATOR OF THE COLE GRAIN CO. AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE TEXAS GRAIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION 1925 - 1926. MR. COLE ALSO OWNED OTHER PROPERTIES IN AND AROUND KRUM. AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE F&M STATE BANK, KRUM TEXAS.

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The Rucker House

KRUM, TEXAS

E.M. Rucker came to Texas from Missouri in 1888. He married Molly Batis and they moved to Krum, settling in this house in 1898. Mr. Rucker was a founding partner of the Continental Bank and Trust. He was also a progressive farmer, improving the breeding of mules. Mrs. Rucker was active in the Baptist Church. After the Rucker's deaths, the house was bought by Jack And Edna Wilkins. It is now owned by Mike and Kim Schloeman.

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